

§ 447. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 427, § 17, 67 Stat. 565.)

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§ 461. Corporation created

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(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 1, 67 Stat. 569.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 462 of this title.

§ 462. Completion of organization

The persons named in section 461 of this title are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with this chapter, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 2, 67 Stat. 569.)

§ 463. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be—

(1) to further, encourage, and promote methods and procedures leading to increased safety, protection, and health among employees and employers and among children, in industries, on farms, in schools and colleges, in homes, on streets and highways, in recreation, and in other public and private places;

(2) to collect, correlate, publish, distribute, and disseminate educational and informative data, reports, and all other data relative to safety methods and procedures;

(3) to arouse and maintain the interest of the people of the United States, its Territories and possessions in safety and in accident prevention, and to encourage the adoption and institution of safety methods by all persons, corporations, and other organizations;

(4) to organize, establish, and conduct programs, lectures, conferences, and other activities for the education of all persons, corporations, and other organizations in safety methods and procedures;

(5) to organize, and to aid in the organization of, local safety chapters throughout the United States, its Territories and possessions, and to provide organizational guidance and materials to promote the national safety;

(6) to cooperate with, enlist, and develop the cooperation of and between all persons, corporations, and other organizations and agencies, both public and private, engaged or interested in, or in any manner connected with, any or all of the foregoing purposes; and

(7) to do any and all lawful acts which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, and proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, and attainment of any or all of the foregoing purposes.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 3, 67 Stat. 569.)

§ 464. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

(1) to sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(2) to adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;

(3) to choose such officers, directors, trustees, managers, agents, and employees as the business of the corporation may require;

(4) to adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(5) to contract and be contracted with;

(6) to charge and collect membership dues, subscription fees, and receive contributions or grants of money or property to be devoted to the carrying out of its purposes;

(7) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject to applicable provisions of law in any State (a) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (b) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real or personal property by a corporation operating in such State;

(8) to transfer, encumber, and convey real or personal property;

(9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law;

(10) to use the corporate funds to give prizes, awards, or other evidences of merit or recognition to persons, organizations, associations, or corporations, public or private, for outstanding contributions toward the achievement of the purposes of the corporation;

(11) to publish magazines and other publications and materials, whether periodic or occasional, consistent with its corporate purposes;

(12) to organize, establish, and conduct conferences on safety and accident prevention;

(13) to adopt, alter, use, and display such emblems, seals, and badges as it may adopt;

(14) to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business, and to charter local, State, and regional safety organizations, and to establish, regulate, and discontinue departmental subdivisions and local, State, and regional chapters in appropriate places throughout the United States, its Territories and possessions; and

(15) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation and, for such purpose, the corporation shall also have, in addition to the foregoing in this section and subsection, the rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of the existing corporation referred to in section 478 of this title as far as they are not modified or superseded by this chapter.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 4, 67 Stat. 570.)

§ 465. Principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

(a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Chicago, Illinois, or in such other place as may later be determined by the board of directors, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place and may be conducted throughout the various States, Territories, and possessions of the United States.

(b) The corporation shall maintain at all times in the District of Columbia a designated agent authorized to accept service or process for the corporation, and notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed notice to or service upon the corporation.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 5, 67 Stat. 570.)

§ 466. Membership; voting rights

(a) Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be determined as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may provide.

(b) Each member of the corporation, other than honorary and sustaining members, shall have the right to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at all meetings of the members of the corporation. The corporation may, by its constitution and bylaws, provide for additional voting rights in accordance with dues paid.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 6, 67 Stat. 571.)

§ 467. Board of directors

(a) Composition of initial board

Upon enactment of this chapter the membership of the initial board of directors of the corporation shall consist of the present members of the board of directors of the National Safety Council, Inc., referred to in section 478 of this title, or such of them as may then be living and are qualified directors of that corporation, to wit—E. F. du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware; Franklin M. Kreml, Evanston, Illinois; A. F. Allen, Dallas, Texas; J. I. Banash, West Los Angeles, California; William B. Barton, Washington, District of Columbia; C. W. Bergquist, Indianapolis, Indiana; R. A. L. Bogan, Chicago, Illinois; Norman E. Borgerson, Lansing, Michigan; Harry H. Brainerd, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Fred W. Braun, Wausau, Wisconsin; Theo Brown, Moline, Illinois; E. J. Buhner, Louisville, Kentucky; Alfred W. Cantwell, Washington, District of Columbia; Ray Carr, Portland, Oregon; Jesse Clark, Chicago, Illinois; Reginald M. Cleveland, New York, New York; William L. Connolly, Washington, District of Columbia; Doctor B. L. Corbett, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Charles R. Cos, New York, New York; Ernest G. Cox, Washington, District of Columbia; R. S. Damon, Kansas City, Missouri; Ned H. Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois; J. Dewey Dorsett, New York, New York; E. F. du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware; Martin P. Durkin, Washington, District of Columbia; Wallace Falvey, Boston, Massachusetts; Kirk Fox, Des Moines, Iowa; C. H. Gallaway, Southbridge, Massachusetts; George F. Getz, Junior, Chicago, Illinois; Gordon C. Graham, Detroit, Michigan; Howard Gramlich, Chicago, Illinois; W. Earl Hall, Mason City, Iowa; R. A. Harschnek, Chicago, Illinois; O. R. Hartwig, Portland, Oregon; Doctor Herold C. Hunt, Chicago, Illinois; Harold P. Jackson, Newark, New Jersey; George A. Jacoby, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester, Indiana; Joseph M. Kaplan, Los Angeles, California; E. W. Kempton, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Fred W. Knight, Cartersville, Georgia; Franklin M. Kreml, Evanston, Illinois; Walter G. Legge, New York, New York; Boyd Lewis, New York, New York; Thomas H. MacDonald, College Station, Texas; Miss Marion E. Martin, Augusta, Maine; I. W. Millard, Danville, Illinois; Harry M. Moses, Washington, District of Columbia; D. E. Mumford, New York, New York; Hallie L. Myers, Indianapolis, Indiana; Guy L. Noble, Chicago, Illinois; Henry E. North, San Francisco, California; Clifton W. Phalen, Detroit, Michigan; Harry L. Powell, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Harry Read, Washington, District of Columbia; A. V. Rohweder, Duluth, Minnesota; Robert T. Ross, Dearborn, Michigan; Doctor K. Frances Scott, Northampton, Massachusetts; Honorable Lee E. Skeel, Cleveland, Ohio; Robert R. Snodgrass, Atlanta, Georgia; Leslie J. Sorenson, Chicago, Illinois; Doctor H. J. Stack, New York, New York; J. C. Stennett, Chicago, Illinois; W. A. Stewart, Southbridge, Massachusetts; Miss Judith Waller, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. George Welles, Junior, Duluth, Minnesota; Doctor George M. Wheatley, New York, New York; E. C. Wood-

ward, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Doctor William P. Yant, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(b) Composition of subsequent boards; tenure

Thereafter, the board of directors of the corporation shall consist of such number (not less than fifteen), shall be selected in such manner (including the filling of vacancies), and shall serve for such term as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(c) Duties

The board of directors shall be the governing board of the corporation and shall, during the intervals between corporation meetings, be responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board shall be responsible for all finance except as provided for in section 469 of this title.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 7, 67 Stat. 571.)

§ 468. Officers

(a) The officers of the corporation shall be a chairman of the board of directors, a president, three or more vice presidents (as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation), a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive vice president. The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) Officers, except the executive vice president, shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the corporation. The executive vice president shall be elected by the board of directors in such manner as may be prescribed by the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 8, 67 Stat. 572.)

§ 469. Trustees; powers

There shall be trustees, whose number (not less than fifteen), method of selection, and term of office shall be as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may prescribe. The trustees shall have full power and control over such contributed funds as may be raised by them.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 9, 67 Stat. 572.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 467 of this title.

§ 470. Distribution of income or assets to members; loans

(a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director, or be distributable to any such person otherwise than upon dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation as provided in section 476 of this title. Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the executive committee of the corporation.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its officers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of a loan to an officer, director, or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 10, 67 Stat. 572.)

§ 471. Nonpolitical nature of corporation

The corporation, and its officers, directors, and duly appointed agents as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for office.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 11, 67 Stat. 573.)

§ 472. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 12, 67 Stat. 573.)

§ 473. Prohibition against issuance of stock or payment of dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare nor pay any dividends.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 13, 67 Stat. 573.)

§ 474. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of the board of directors; and it shall also keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member entitled to vote, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 14, 67 Stat. 573.)

§ 475. Repealed. Pub. L. 88-504, § 4(19), Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 637

Section, act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 15, 67 Stat. 573, related to audit of financial transactions and report of such audit to Congress. See sections 1101 to 1103 of this title.

§ 476. Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation

Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, and after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the corporation may be distributed in accordance with the determination of the board of directors of the corporation and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation and all Federal and State laws applicable thereto.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 16, 67 Stat. 573.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 470 of this title.

§ 477. Exclusive right to name, emblems, seals, and badges

The corporation, and its subordinate divisions and regional, State, and local chapters, shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name, National Safety Council. The corporation shall have the exclusive and sole right to use, or to allow or refuse the use of, such emblems, seals, and badges as it may legally adopt, and

such emblems, seals, and badges as have heretofore been used by the Illinois corporation referred to in section 478 of this title in carrying out its program, it being distinctly understood, however, that nothing in this chapter shall interfere or conflict with established or vested rights.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 17, 67 Stat. 574.)

§ 478. Acquisition of assets and liabilities of existing corporation

The corporation may acquire the assets of the National Safety Council, Incorporated, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liability of such corporation and upon complying with all laws of the State of Illinois applicable thereto.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 18, 67 Stat. 574.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 464, 467, 477 of this title.

§ 479. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

(Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 429, § 19, 67 Stat. 574.)

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§ 491. Creation of fund; investments; payments to American Legion

Any balance remaining from the sum of \$482,032.92 authorized to be appropriated, by the Secretary of the Treasury, by section 1 of the Act approved June 28, 1935, chapter 323, 49 Stat. 426, for effecting a settlement of any indebtedness connected with Pershing Hall, a memorial already erected in Paris, France, under the auspices of the American Legion, Inc., to the commander in chief, officers, men and auxiliary services of the American Expeditionary Forces, to the end that such memorial as so freed from debt may be perpetuated, shall, after settlement of such indebtedness, be retained by the Secretary of the Treasury as a special fund to be known as the "Pershing Hall Memorial Fund." The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized (a) to invest and reinvest any part or all of the corpus of this fund so remaining in interest-bearing United States Government bonds and retain custody thereof; and (b) upon request of the American Legion, Inc., the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the National Treasurer of the Amer-

ican Legion, Inc., from time to time any part of the earnings upon the fund for use in the maintenance and/or perpetuation of Pershing Hall.

(June 28, 1935, ch. 323, § 2, 49 Stat. 426.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1 of act June 28, 1935, ch. 323, 49 Stat. 426, referred to in text, provided: "That \$482,032.92 of the fund entitled 'Recreation fund—Army', created by the War Department Appropriation Act, approved March 4, 1933 [see 47 Stat. 1573], is hereby authorized to be appropriated by the Secretary of the Treasury for effecting a settlement of any indebtedness connected with Pershing Hall, a memorial already erected in Paris, France, under the auspices of the American Legion, Inc., to the commander in chief, officers, men and auxiliary services of the American Expeditionary Forces, to the end that such memorial as so freed from debt may be perpetuated: *Provided*, That the amount herein provided shall not be used for the purposes indicated herein, until the legal title to said property shall have been vested in the Government of the United States for the use and benefit of all American officers and enlisted men of the World War [World War I]."

CODIFICATION

In the original, section 2 of act June 28, 1935, read "Any balance remaining after settlement of such indebtedness shall be retained", etc. The descriptive language substituted largely therefor, at the beginning of this section, was taken from section 1 of that act, referred to in that descriptive language and set out above.

APPROPRIATIONS

Act Aug. 12, 1935, ch. 508, title I, § 1 (part), 49 Stat. 594, appropriated the sum of \$482,032.92 for the purposes of this section and of section 1 of act June 28, 1935, set out above, subject to the conditions set out in the proviso in section 1 of act June 28, 1935.

ABOLITION OF PERSHING HALL MEMORIAL FUND

The Pershing Hall Memorial Fund, established pursuant to this section, was abolished and the corpus and accrued interest was transferred to the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund. See section 493(d)(3) of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 493 of this title.

§ 492. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(2), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 245

Section, act June 28, 1935, ch. 323, § 3, 49 Stat. 426, required an itemized report of expenditures to be made to Congress on first day of each regular session.

§ 493. Transfer of Pershing Hall to jurisdiction, custody, and control of Department of Veterans Affairs

(a) In general

Pershing Hall, an existing memorial in Paris, France, owned by the United States, together with the personal property of such memorial, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction, custody, and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs so that the memorial to the commander-in-chief, officers, men, and auxiliary services of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I may be continued in an appropriate manner and financial support be provided therefor.

(b) Administration

(1)(A) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall administer, operate, develop, and improve Per-